

Renew MTNA Certification Annually: “Strengthen your Core”

The Nationally Certified Teachers of Music (NCTM) strengthen the five standards of their professional credentials each year when renewing their certification. The five standards, (see www.mtnacertification.org/standards) determined and cultivated when first applying for the NCTM credentials are the core of the teacher’s identity and activity. In order to fortify the core effectively, the music teachers with the NCTM credentials practice the five standards through the teaching year. The certification annual renewal process allows the Nationally Certified Teacher of Music to revisit, review and revise their professional core, informed by their additional year of professional teaching experience. Thus, they strengthen the balance, stability and vitality in their teaching and professional enterprise.

When MTNA members renew their certification, they validate their quest to set higher teaching standards continually. The renewal process cannot be rushed or overlooked. The annual renewal of certification assures community, colleagues, studio families, and the renewing teacher that all certified teachers strive to improve their art of teaching. Through renewal, the certified teacher confirms their dedication to the profession and the students they teach.

Certification renewal does not have to be complicated. It does need to include thorough reflection of the core; the standards of the teaching and professional enterprise. The NCTM must be thoughtful as the core is strengthened.

Encourage current NCTM teachers to renew annually. Remind all MTNA members that the NCTM credentials represent confidence in teaching. The credentials are recognized by colleagues, community, students and families. They demonstrate that an independent or college music teacher is always willing to learn more and improve their standards in teaching. Renewing certification strengthens the association.

MTNA walks alongside the music teacher through the journey of their professional teaching life. National certification is one way in which MTNA supports, incentivizes, and validates the daily and professional life of the member. Extend a hand and join MTNA giving teachers, colleagues, community and students the assurance that together we are dedicated to excellence in music teaching.

Why Renew? Why not?.....we have nothing to lose and EVERYTHING to gain!

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